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In the Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Concurrently with the submission of the Request for Continued Examination, applicants submit the amended claims starting at page 2. The amendment is identical to the amendment submitted after the final rejection, which was not entered.

Applicants amend claim 1 to recite that the face material is laminated to the insulating layer, exactly as disclosed in the in the specification. *See, e.g.*, Summary of the Invention section.

Claim 11 and 31 are amended to limit the face material to either film or fabric thereby excluding paper, which is disclosed in Tollette.

Applicants also amend claim 2 to specifically recite that the face material is film.

It is noted that independent claim 34, as previously presented, limits the face material to biaxially oriented polyester film.

Also resubmitted is the REMARKS section beginning at page 6.